

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stanley Spooner on November 5th 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

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a. In claim 1, lines ¹⁴~~15-16~~, "two or more beams and" has been changed to -- two or more diffracted beams and--.

b. Claim 13 has been cancelled.

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c. In claim 19, lines ⁴⁻⁸~~5-6~~, "from said object to have a planar wavefront if the object has said specified shape, a final beam" has been changed to --from said object to compensate for non-planarity introduced by said object having said specified shape, to provide a final beam--.

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d. In claim 19, lines ⁹~~7~~, "by said shaping step;" has been changed to --by said shaping step, said final beam having a planar wavefront if the object has said specified shape;--

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e. In claim 19, line ¹²~~10~~, "two or more beams;" has been changed to --two or more diffracted beams;--.

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f. In claim 24, lines ¹²~~16-17~~, "two or more beams" has been changed to --two or more diffracted beams--.